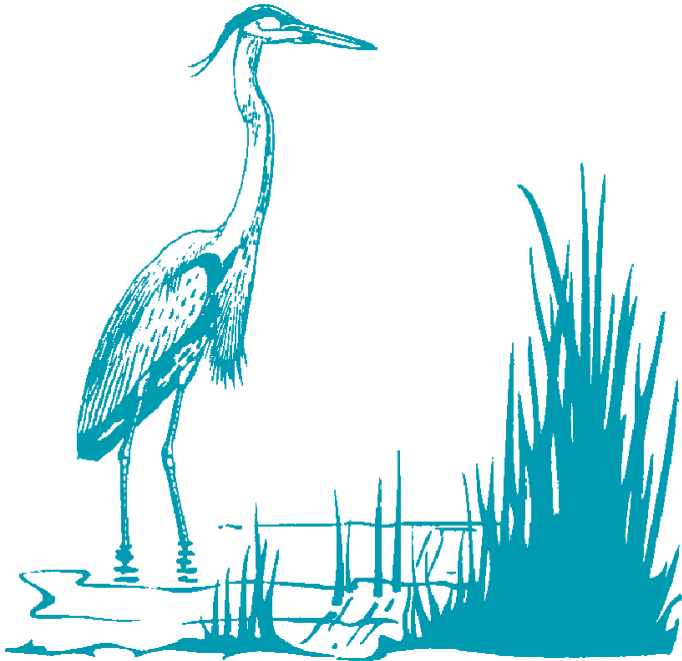


Soil Conservation

Soil that erodes annually from Indiana's landscape would fill enough full size pickups to reach the moon—and return!

The Division of Soil Conservation helps landowners keep soil and nutrients in place and productive.

Control of soil and water runoff can increase profits for farms and developments, decrease food costs, reduce flood damage, and improve water quality for humans and wildlife.



A Lake is a Reflection of its Watershed

A watershed is the land area that drains into a particular body of water - such as a wetland, stream or lake.

Soil erosion, excess fertilizer, and uncontrolled runoff from watersheds around lakes and rivers impairs recreational use, destroys fish and wildlife habitat, reduces flood control capacity, and pollutes drinking water supplies.

The LARE Program enhances and protects water quality in Indiana's lakes and rivers!

Lake and River Enhancement

The Lake and River Enhancement Program (LARE) provides technical support and funding for lake and watershed studies, agricultural practices to improve water quality, constructed wetlands to reduce soil erosion and nutrient runoff, and related watershed projects.

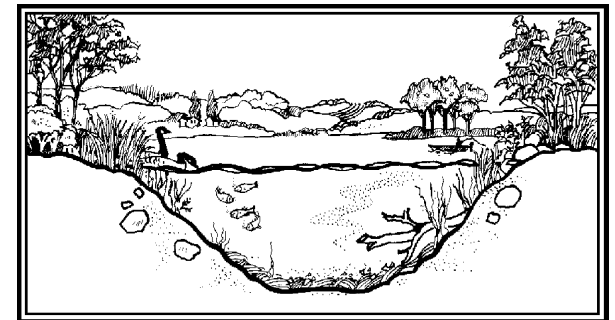
Since 1987, over 140 lakes and 45 watersheds in 42 counties have benefited from the \$830,000 a year in grant and cost-share assistance that is generated by a state-collected \$5 annual boat fee.

Restoration and Protection of Laughery Creek

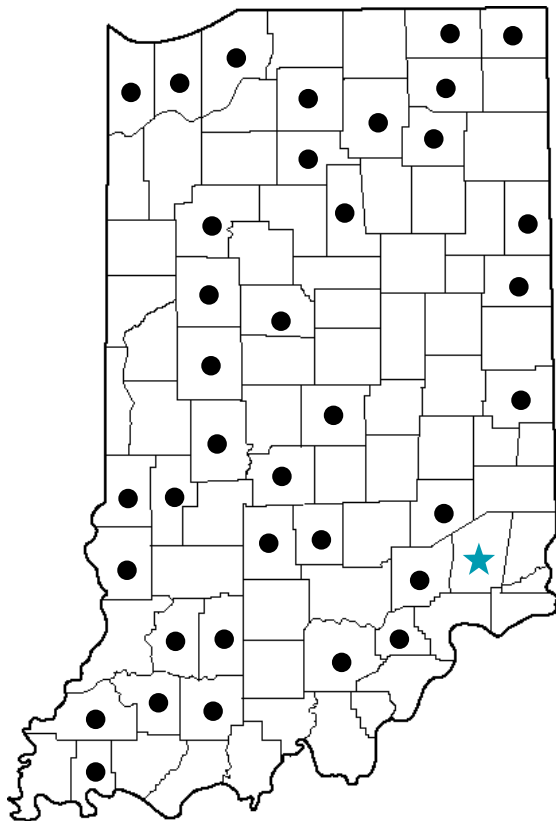
A small group of concerned citizens recognized the need to improve and protect the water quality of Versailles Lake, their drinking water supply, and Laughery Creek, the stream flowing into the lake.

They organized Project CLEAR (Clean up Laughery's Environment and Reservoirs) and obtained funding from the LARE program and other state and federal sources for studying the waterbodies and implementing soil erosion controls in the watershed. More than 200 volunteers and 70 different agencies, businesses, and schools are involved in the effort.

In addition, the Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) provides technical assistance to farmers for projects aimed at reducing nutrient runoff, filtering sediments and fertilizers, and controlling animal wastes to protect the creek.



Lake And River Enhancement Project Sites



- Each dot represents a county containing one or more LARE Projects.
- ★ Laughery Creek is located in Ripley County – represented by a star.

You Can Get Involved!

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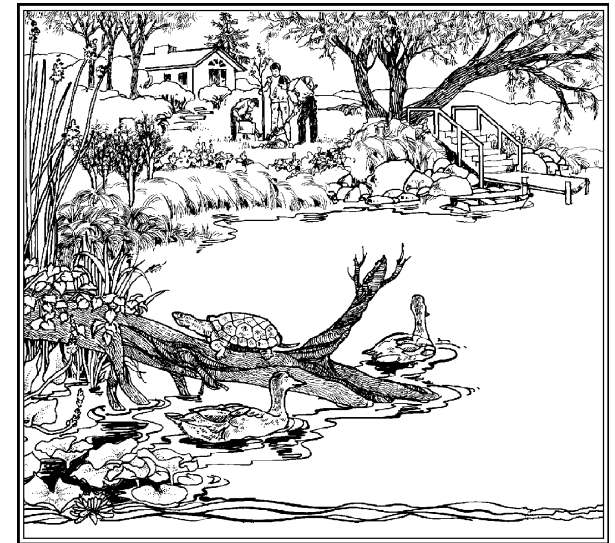


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